

STILLWATER TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

March 13, 2007

Town Hall

7:00 P.M.

Township Clerk Pat Bantli opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Clerk Kathy Schmoeckel was present to help record motions. Bob Clift (10110 Arcola Trail North) agreed to be the moderator for the evening.

MSP Paul Quinn/Bruce Goldstrand all ayes
moved to approve the March 14, 2006 annual meeting minutes as written.

The annual statement of the treasurer's year end fund balances was read by Treasurer Sell.

Historian Bill McDonald gave a very interesting talk on the history of Stillwater Township. At the finish he suggested that an inventory of historical assets in the township be made.

Youth Services

Paul Weiler thanked township residents for support helping to keep kids out of the court system. He requested a \$5,500.00 stipend for 2008.

Lucy Winton Bell Soccer Fields

Colleen Danford was present to request a \$5,000.00 stipend for 2008 to fund developing ball fields.

City Of Stillwater

Administrator Larry Hansen thanked the township for offering to continue a stipend to the recreation center or the new library. He stated that this offer is a strong testimony to the relationship between the city and township.

Moderator Bob Clift stated that he doesn't know why we are giving money to other communities.

Website

Bob Ranalla reported that the website has been up for a year. There have been approximately 400 visits a month. Feedback is encouraged.

Chief Of Police

Steve Nelson gave an overview of his career with the township from being appointed a town constable in 1982 to 1984 when he became a township peace officer. In 1999 a police department was set up. Steve is now a police chief, fire warden, and does animal control. He reported that we have 441 dogs licensed in the township and that burning restrictions may go on the first of April.

Raleigh Road Contract

Mike Raleigh was proud to say that he came under the 2006 budgeted amount of \$193,115.00 allocated for roadwork at \$151,370.00. He also mentioned that a road and gutter project planned on the easterly part of State Highway 96 will necessitate a 15 day detour north on Norell Avenue.

Building Inspector Report

Building Inspector Jack Kramer reported that 114 permits were issued in 2006 for a total valuation of \$3,994,772.65. Four houses were built. A common violation that people do not seem to know is that a re-roof needs a permit. This item will go in the newsletter.

Parks And Trail Committee

Park Liaison Jim Doriott presented a new trail map that was requested at the 2006 annual meeting by residents, talked about the new trail addition that he worked on at the north end of Stonebridge Trail and a county referendum for money to lock up areas on the St. Croix River.

Planning Commission

Sheila-Marie Untiedt expressed that committee members are working on subdivisions and updating the comprehensive plan.

Joint Planning With The City Of Stillwater

Linda Countryman spoke about the Palmer property sold to U.S. Homes and yet to be annexed. The type of housing is in question. There will be no docks on the water area and traffic issues on Neal and Highway 96 are of concern.

Charter School

Those involved came to the town board for a preliminary review of a school planned for the Heifort property on Neal and Highway 96. Traffic problems will be a big concern.

MSP Sarah Stivland/Paul Windisch 24 ayes, 10 nays
moved that \$5,000.00 be added to the proposed 2008 budget as a contribution for the Stillwater Library debt reduction stipend.

MSP Paul Quinn/Sarah Stivland 30 ayes, 5 nays
moved that since Youth Services Bureau personnel have been good stewards over the last 28 years, the township should increase the 2008 contribution to \$5,500.00

MSW Fred Brandt/Lynne Murphy Murphy withdrew - motion failed
moved that contributions to discretionary non-township funding should not exceed 5% of the general fund.

MSP Paul Quinn/Joel Barvels 19 ayes, 15 nays
moved to contribute \$5,000.00 to Lucy Winton Bell Soccer Fields in 2008.

MSP Ray Hoyt/Sheila-Marie Untiedt 24 ayes, 5 nays
Since we have contributed to the City of Stillwater Recreation Center for the past ten years, move that we explain our intention to direct funds instead to the Stillwater Library.

MSP Fred Brandt/Sheila-Marie Untiedt 25 ayes, 4 nays
moved that the Stillwater Town Board look into allocating a % of the general fund for discretionary spending to be presented at the next annual town board meeting.

MSP Paul Quinn/Mike Raleigh all ayes
moved to accept the 2008 proposed levy of \$667,700.00.

MSP Fred Brandt/Ray Hoyt all ayes
moved to hold the Stillwater Township Annual meeting on March 11, 2008 in the Stillwater Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Submitted by:

Pat Bantli
Stillwater Township Clerk